

# 28 Times Media And Democrats Excused Violence By Left-Wing Activists

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Democrats and their allies in the media are ready to condemn riots now that the turmoil has shifted to fit their narrative.

On Wednesday, a mob of Trump supporters stormed the U.S. Capitol building. It was an astonishing display of anarchic protest that delayed congressional certification of the Electoral College vote formally handing former Vice President Joe Biden the keys to the White House.

The scenes from the dark day of disaster demonstrations illustrated a deteriorating country, repulsed millions, and traumatized a nation still recovering from the death, despair, and disruption that came to define the dystopian months of 2020. Above all, what happened Wednesday served as a grim reminder that the institutional stress test of 2020 has followed us into 2021.

For the left, however, the chaos at the Capitol has opened an opportunity to refute the perception they own the monopoly on widespread political violence. Democrats and left-wing media elites have [already capitalized](#) on the violent outbreak, where [four people died](#), to characterize conservatives as the creatures of chaos.

At this point, it's undeniable that the political far-right calls home to its own Antifa-like anarchists. It is also undeniable, however, that reaction to the protests from conservative leaders roundly condemning the violence from their own side stands in remarkable contrast to the way Democrats and corporate media spent months going out of their way attempting to justify the deadly actions of militant leftists.

Not one prominent conservative pundit or politician with any significant platform was reported to have tried endorsing the mob of Trump supporters infiltrating the U.S. Capitol. To the contrary, conservatives spent months vilifying Democratic leaders for not doing enough in their own states and cities to crack down on the militant mobs of leftists taking streets under siege, normalizing the kind of political violence on track to appear routine in the nightmare 2020 decade.

It was only seven months ago that Washington D.C. was last on fire.

A trip down memory lane chronicling the left's reaction to last year's eruption of unrest claiming the lives of at least [30 people](#) not only exposes the hypocrisy suffusing Democrats' condemnation of political violence, but also illustrates a sobering reality that there's plenty of blame to go around for the situation in which the United States now finds itself.

## 1. Kamala Harris Urges Followers to Cover Rioters' Bail

Incoming Vice President Kamala Harris [encouraged](#) her supporters last summer to donate to the Minnesota Freedom Fund, which provided bail money to the militant anarchists facing charges for setting fire to Minneapolis.



Kamala Harris ✓  
@KamalaHarris

If you're able to, chip in now to the [@MNFreedomFund](#) to help post bail for those protesting on the ground in Minnesota.



Donate to the Minnesota Freedom Fund  
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## 2. Chris Cuomo: Who Said Protests Were Supposed To Be Peaceful?

CNN's Chris Cuomo showcased his ignorance of the First Amendment in June when dismissing the idea that militant protests sweeping the nation in the aftermath of George Floyd's death were illegal.

"Please, show me where it says protesters are supposed to be polite and peaceful," Cuomo demanded.

Here's the [text](#) from the First Amendment, emphasis added:

Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the **right of the people peaceably to assemble**, and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances.

### 3. MSNBC Reporter Describes Fiery Scene ‘Mostly A Protest’

MSNBC's Ali Velshi stood in front of a liquor store burning behind him in Minneapolis and called the riots surrounding the camera crew “mostly a protest” that is “not, generally speaking, unruly.”

“But fires have been started,” Velshi made clear to note.

### 4. CNN Labels Burning Protest ‘Fiery But Mostly Peaceful’

CNN continued to parody itself in August as a second wave of mass unrest swept the country with Kenosha, Wisconsin as its focal point. After the label “fiery but mostly peaceful” had become a trolling phrase online to describe legacy media's coverage of the summer riots, the network literally [adopted](#) the words to describe events unfolding in Kenosha while a reporter stood in front of a several burning vehicles.

### 5. Democratic National Convention Refuses To Condemn Riots

Democrats went through their entire online convention [without condemning](#) the epidemic of left-wing violence that engulfed the nation in the preceding months.

### 6. Pulitzer Prize-Winning New York Times Writer: Destroying Property Isn't Violence

The New York Times' architect of the “[1619 Project](#),” Nikole Hannah-Jones, explicitly [rejected](#) the idea that destroying property fits the definition of “violence.”

“Destroying property, which can be replaced, is not violence,” Hannah-Jones said on CBS, to which the anchors offered no challenge.

“It's a great point that you make, Nikole,” CBS's Vladimir Duthiers replied.

Hannah-Jones also said it would be “[an honor](#)” for 2020 riots be deemed the “1619 Riots” despite destroying [minority](#) businesses.

### 7. Government-Funded PBS Reporter Denies Anarchists Are ‘Anarchists’

PBS White House Correspondent Yamiche Alcindor tried and [failed](#) to fact-check President Donald Trump in May, apparently faulting the president for not providing any evidence when calling the anarchists terrorizing cities “anarchists.”

## **8. CNN's Don Lemon Compares Leftist Riots to Boston Tea Party**

CNN prime time anchor Don Lemon celebrated the Floyd riots as a 21st-century version of the Boston Tea Party.

“And let’s not forget if anyone is judging this, I’m not judging this,” Lemon said as CNN cameras rolled with footage of riots in Washington D.C. and Los Angeles. “This is how this country was started.”

## **9. CNN's Chris Cillizza Complains About the Term ‘Riot’**

<https://twitter.com/abigailmarone/status/1300225419678019591?s=20>

## **10. New York Times Columnist Finds Portland Anarchists In Piece Titled, ‘Help Me Find Trump’s ‘Anarchists’ In Portland’**

New York Times columnist Nicholas Kristof penned an op-ed in July headlined, “Help Me Find Trump’s ‘Anarchists’ In Portland,” in which he actually appears to find them.

## **11. MSNBS's Joy Reid: BLM Riots Are Really Just Undercover White Nationalists Causing Trouble**

## **12. Huffington Post Releases Video Outlining ‘How Riots Built America’**

The Huffington Post published a brief four-minute [mini-documentary](#) outlining “How Riots Built America” to draw parallels between the 2020 riots against police with periods of unrest throughout American history.

## **13. NBC News Allegedly Instructed Staff to Avoid the Term ‘Riot’**

## **14. Seattle Mayor On Anarchists Taking Control of Downtown: Don't Be Afraid of Democracy**

Seattle Mayor Jenny Durkan returned fire on Trump in June when the president demanded an end to the city’s partial occupation by socialist protestors.

“Seattle is fine,” Durkan wrote on Twitter despite the insurgency. “Don’t be so afraid of democracy.”

## **15. Washington Governor Unaware of Seattle Occupation**

Washington Democratic Gov. Jay Inslee was caught being [completely oblivious](#) to the anarchist insurrection taking over his state's largest city when he was asked about the rogue militia during a coronavirus press briefing.

## **16. Pelosi When Mobs Tore Down Statues: 'People Will Do What They Do'**

House Speaker Nancy Pelosi just shrugged when asked about a militant mob tearing down the statue of legendary explorer Christopher Columbus in Baltimore in June 2020.

"People will do what they do," Pelosi said.

The Democratic leader likely had a different reaction Wednesday at the sight of a random Trump anarchists lounging around in her own office.

## **17. Rolling Stone Re-Publishes Article to 'Rethink Property Destruction'**

Rolling Stone Magazine re-published a 2014 article first out following the Ferguson, Mo. riots in 2104 [titled](#), "9 Historical Triumphs To Make You Rethink Property Destruction," promoting the devastation as progress in May last year. The "historical pedigree of property destruction as a tactic of resistance is long and frequently effective," the authors wrote.

## **18. GQ Magazine: Violent Protests Work**

GQ Magazine published a lengthy feature in June amid the Floyd riots [headlined](#), "Why Violent Protests Work."

## **19. Slate: Riots Are A 'Proportionate Response'**

Slate Magazine ran a [piece](#) amid the Floyd riots justifying the chaos ripping the nation's cities apart titled, "Proportionate Response."

## **20. Mother Jones: 'Riots Aren't Irrational'**

Mother Jones joined the crowd in mid-June with a piece [titled](#), "Riots Aren't Irrational."

## **21. TIME Magazine: The Term 'Riot' Is 'Loaded'**

Time Magazine published a [piece](#) in June headlined, 'A War of Words.' Why Describing the George Floyd Protests as 'Riots' Is So Loaded."

## **22. Vox: Woke Riots Are Scary But Productive. Capitol Riots Were Devastating**

## **23. New York Times Has Sympathy For BLM Riots, While Blaming Trump As Sole Perpetrator For Wednesday Mob**

## **24. Jacobin Magazine: Looting Is Justified Only For Social Justice**

The left-wing publication also published a piece [headlined](#), “When Rioting Works,” in June.


## **25. AOC: The Whole Point of Protesting Is to Make People Uncomfortable**

This is what Rep. Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez, D-N.Y., said about rioting in December 2020. Her staff [began trying](#) to get Twitter to stop people from retweeting images of this in the wake of the Wednesday riots.



## Thread



Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez   
@AOC



The whole point of protesting is to make ppl uncomfortable.

Activists take that discomfort w/ the status quo & advocate for concrete policy changes. Popular support often starts small & grows.

To folks who complain protest demands make others uncomfortable... that's the point.

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## 26. Author Writes Book Titled, ‘In Defense Of Looting’

Writer Vicky Osterweil published a book late last summer titled, “In Defense Of Looting,” and earned a [feature](#) in National Propaganda Radio (NPR) for the work.

## 27. NPR Guest: Floyd Demonstrations Are Acts Of Rebellion, Not Riots

Temple University Professor Marc Lamont Hill went on NPR [complaining](#) that dismissing protestors as rioters “dehumanizes” them, impeding political progress.